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OHCHR Global Panel: “Moving Away from the Death Penalty – Discrimination against marginalised groups”

United Nations Headquarters, New York
Conference Room 1
24 April 2014, 11.00 am – 1 pm

Introductory remarks

- **Keynote address by Mr. Ban-Ki Moon, Secretary-General**

Moderator

- **Mr. Ivan Šimonović**, Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights

Participants

- Professor **Stephen B. Bright**, President, Southern Center for Human Rights, Atlanta, Georgia, United States.
- **Dr. Usha Ramanathan**, Internationally recognized expert on law and poverty, India.
- **Ms. Alice Mogwe**, Executive Director of DITSHWANELO – The Botswana Centre for Human Rights, FIDH Deputy Secretary General and as an expert member of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights Working Group on Death Penalty.
- **Dr. Arif Bulkan**, Faculty of Law, University of the West Indies, St Augustine Campus, Trinidad & Tobago.

Open discussion

Background

In 2012, 2013 and in January 2014 in New York, OHCHR held a series of events on the death penalty, focusing on national experiences in moving away from the death penalty, wrongful convictions, and deterrence and public opinion. These panel events drew on the experiences of senior officials and academic experts from various regions which, in recent years, have made progress through either outright abolition or the imposition of a moratorium, de facto or de jure, or through narrowing the basis for imposition of the death penalty. In addition, the failure of judicial review to capture error was deeply examined.

OHCHR, in cooperation with the **Permanent Missions to the United Nations of Chile and Italy**, is following up these events with a global panel event on the death penalty and discrimination, with a particular focus on the impact on marginalised groups. The objectives of the panel are to share experiences from countries in which persons or groups are discriminated based on race, poverty or for being member of a vulnerable group such as minorities, persons with mental or intellectual disabilities, LGBT persons and foreign nationals.

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